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SUBJECT: UNHCR PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 21742

1. WE ARE VERY MUCH CONCERNED OVER SLOWNESS WITH WHICH UNHCR IS GETTING PROGRAM UNDERWAY TO ASSIST REFUGEES IN THAILAND. WE ARE PUZZLED OVER REPORT FROM UNHCR REP BANGKOK THAT HE HAS ONLY BEEN ALLOCATED 500,000 DOLS. AND THAT AMOUNT WAS COMMITTED LAST AUGUST. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT UNHCR ALREADY HAS A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THIS EFFORT AND FUND AVAILABILITY WOULD APPEAR TO BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO PROCEED WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM. US MISSION SHOULD URGE UNHCR TO DO SO AS A MATTER OF HIGH PRIORITY.

2. USG HAS ALREADY TURNED OVER 1.3 MILLION DOLS. IN CASH
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TO UNHCR AND HAS AUTHORIZED THE RELEASE OF GLUTINOUS RICE

TO THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF 371,000 DOLS. WE EXPECT TO HAVE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AUTHORIZATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR LAO REFUGEES FOR A TOTAL OF 5.6 MILLION DOLS. AND U.S. MISSION WILL SOON BE INSTRUCTED TO BEGIN ALLOCATION TO THE UNHCR. WE ARE ALSO PLANNING FOR UP TO 3 MILLION DOLS. FOR VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS. (FOR BANGKOK: WE WILL NOTIFY YOU AS SOON AS THESE NEW FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED SO

THAT YOU CAN ISSUE AN APPROPRIATE PRESS RELEASE). WE ARE AWARE THAT UNHCR HAS ALSO RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES OF APPROXIMATELY 3.2 MILLION DOLS. PLUS A RECENT 1 MILLION DOL. CONTRIBUTION FROM JAPAN. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE MEANTIME. IF OUR ESTIMATES ARE CORRECT, UNHCR HAS IN HAND MORE THAN 5 MILLION DOLS. FOR THE PROGRAM. THUS FUNDS SHOULD NOT PRESENT A PROBLEM.

3. REPORTS FROM BANGKOK INDICATE THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR FOOD, SHELTER AND MEDICINE. THERE IS ALSO A NEED FOR BLANKETS FOR REFUGEES IN THE NORTH. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT A NUMBER OF REFUGEES HAVE DIED FOR LACK OF CARE AND ATTENTION. ALL THESE CONDITIONS SHOULD BE IMPROVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. U.S. MISSION GENEVA SHOULD INFORM UNHCR OF OUR CONCERNS AND DETERMINE IF OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE FUNDING SITUATION IS CORRECT. IF IT IS, THEN THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE APPROPRIATE FOR UNHCR TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO BANGKOK. HE SHOULD BE URGED TO DO SO. U.S. MISSION SHOULD EXPRESS OUR DESIRE FOR PERIODIC PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE PROGRAM. EMBASSY BANGKOK MAY CITE FIGURES IN PARA 2 ABOVE IN ASSURING RTG THAT ADEQUATE FUNDS ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO THE UNHCR AND THAT THE USG IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THOSE FUNDS. YOU MAY ALSO TELL THE THAI THAT WE ARE URGING THE UNHCR TO ALLOCATE MONEY AT A MORE RAPID RATE. KISSINGER

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